water and public conveniences are already available at the monument.

[*Translation*]

Pre-School Child Education

*380. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission had prepared for Doordarshan in 1987 a project on pre-school child education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present position of the said project?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, the Commission has provided financial assistance for preparing a Television Programme consisting of 13 episodes for pre-school children. These episodes are expected to sensitize pre-schoolers to learning of alphabets, numbers, health care, sanitation, nutrition, geometric shapes and such like through the medium of songs, animation, puppetry and origami. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has agreed, in principle, to telecast the Programme as soon as the time slot is available.

[*English*]

Saline Land

*381. DR KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total areas of saline land in the country; State-wise; and

(b) the details of the target set and funds allocated for development of Saline land during the Seventh Plan along with achievements made State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The Statewise estimates of saline lands available are given here under:

Sl. No.	*State/Union Territory*	*Area* (in million hectares)*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0.18
2.	Gujarat	0.10
3.	Haryana	0.08
4.	Karnataka	0.33
5.	Kerala	0.12
6.	Madhya Pradesh	0.08

Sl. No.	*State/Union Territory*	*Area* (in million hectares)*
7.	Maharashtra	0.48
8.	Orissa	0.40
9.	Punjab	1.00
10.	Rajasthan	0.10
11.	Tamil Nadu	0.01
12.	Uttar Pradesh	0.20
13.	West Bengal	0.99
14.	Patches of Salinity	1.46 @
	Grand Total	5.53

Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. Report of Working Group for Planning based on Land and Water use including Land Reclamation and Development for formulation of the Eighth Plan, 1989.

@ Sandy areas with patches of salinity appear not to have been reported against States.

(b) There was no exclusive programme for control of the problem of soil salinity during the Seventh Plan. However, the Command Area Development Programme of the Water Resources Ministry took up the following measures:

(i) On-farm development works of constructing the field channels, Land levelling and Land shaping;

(ii) Providing adequate water drainage;

(iii) Encouraging conjuctive use of surface and ground water;

(iv) Adoption of suitable cropping pattern; and

(v) Creation of awareness among the farmers for more efficient and judicious use of water through adaptive trials, demonstrations, training programmes and extension efforts.

Besides, under the afforestation and tree plantation programmes, saline wastelands were also covered.

Health and Family Welfare Centres

*382. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: